

tive packets so to be transmitted under the provisions of this present Warrant, shall be subject as well to the several progressive and additional rates of postage aforesaid, as also to the said several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions (except as aforesaid) respectively mentioned, expressed, and contained in and by the said hereinbefore recited Warrant of the 22nd of February, 1855, in like manner in all respects, and as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as if the said several progressive and additional rates of postage, and the said several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions (except such only as relate exclusively to packets posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the East Indies or New South Wales, or posted in the East Indies or New South Wales, addressed to the United Kingdom), respectively mentioned and contained in the said hereinbefore recited Warrant of the 22nd day of February, 1855, were contained, inserted, expressed, and repeated in this present Warrant, and as if the said colonies of the Falkland Islands, Gambia, Labuan, and Vancouver's Island, respectively, with a single rate of postage of sixpence set forth against each and every such respective colonies, had been and was mentioned and contained and included in the said Schedule B, annexed to the said hereinbefore recited Warrant of the 22nd day of February, 1855.

And we do further order and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant duly made at any time hereafter, to alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

And we do further order and direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of July next.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

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TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intitled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for time to time, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British or inland postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters, or newspapers, or any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such Warrant, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and to make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof.

And whereas it is expedient that regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of the letters hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested in and by the said Act, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do by this Warrant (under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, by the authority of the statute in that case made and provided), order and direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between

any place in the United Kingdom and the colonies of the Falkland Islands, Gambia, Labuan, Vancouver's Island, Heligoland, the Ionian Islands, and Natal respectively (direct or through any other colony, or through any foreign country) there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters an uniform British rate of six pence.

And we direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between the said colonies of the Falkland Islands, Gambia, Labuan, Vancouver's Island, Heligoland, the Ionian Islands, and Natal, or any of them, and any other of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom (whether through any colony or foreign country or not), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, the rates of British postage following; that is to say:

For the conveyance of every such letter between the Falkland Islands, Gambia, Labuan, Vancouver's Island, Heligoland, the Ionian Islands, and Natal, or any of them, and any part of the United Kingdom, a rate of sixpence; and for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and the colony or foreign country to or from which the same shall be forwarded, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and any such colony or foreign country.

And we direct, that on every letter, transmitted as is mentioned in this Warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows; that is to say:

On every such letter exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every such letter exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every such letter exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such letter exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight, above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage; and every fraction of an ounce, above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as one additional ounce; and each progressive and additional rate, chargeable under this clause, shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this Warrant if not exceeding half an ounce in weight.

And we direct that in all cases in which any letter in respect of which any rate of postage is chargeable by this Warrant shall pass through a foreign country, any foreign postage payable thereon shall be charged and paid thereon in addition to the British postage.

And we further direct, that nothing in this Warrant contained, shall in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege granted by the said recited Act, in favour of petitions and addresses forwarded to Her Majesty by the post; nor the privilege

granted by the same Act to Members of each House of Parliament to receive by the post petitions and addresses to Her Majesty, and petitions addressed to either House of Parliament, not exceeding thirty-two ounces in weight exempt from postage; nor shall anything in this Warrant contained, in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service, and seamen and soldiers employed in the service of the East India Company, now by law enjoy of sending and receiving by the post, letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

And we further direct, that nothing in this Warrant contained, shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters or packets posted in, or addressed to France, or any foreign country, through France, and transmitted between France or foreign countries, through France, and the Falkland Islands, Gambia, Labuan, Vancouver's Island, Heligoland, the Ionian Islands, and Natal, or any of them, all of which last-mentioned letters and packets shall be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct, that nothing herein contained, shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters, the sea conveyance of which shall be by a packet boat belonging to, or employed by or under, the government or Post-office of the United States of America, or the sea conveyance of which in the Mediterranean shall be by a French packet boat; all which letters shall be charged and chargeable as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct, that the term "by the post" used in this Warrant, shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by any British or colonial, or foreign packet boat (packet boats belonging to, or employed by or under the government or Post-office of the United States of America, and French Mediterranean packet boats excepted), and the said term shall also include the sea conveyance by any private ship.

And we further direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of July next.

Provided lastly, and we hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant duly made at any time hereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby altered or the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the nineteenth day of May, 1857.

Duncan.
Monck.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage:"

And whereas another Act was passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post-office:"

And whereas another Act was passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her present Ma-

jesty, intituled "An Act to amend the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and to provide for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications:"

And whereas, by the said last-mentioned Act, power was given to Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to make and issue such orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions, as he should deem to be necessary, or expedient, for the purpose of regulating the receipt, transmission, and delivery, by post, of periodical publications under the provisions of that Act:

And whereas George Douglas Duke of Argyll, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, did, by virtue of the said last-mentioned Act, make and issue certain orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions, bearing date the 24th day of December, 1855, which he deemed to be necessary and expedient, for the purpose of regulating the receipt, transmission, and delivery, by post, of printed newspapers and certain periodical publications, under the provisions of the said last-mentioned Act:

And whereas it is expedient to make provision for regulating the transmission by the post of the newspapers hereinafter mentioned:

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury (in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the several before-mentioned Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in that behalf) do, by this Warrant, under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners, by the authority of the statute in that case made and provided, order direct, and consent that the printed newspapers mentioned in the schedule to this Warrant annexed, shall and may be transmitted by the post between the several places mentioned and set forth in the said schedule to this Warrant annexed, in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions made by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, with the consent aforesaid, bearing date the 24th day of December, 1855, so far as the same are applicable thereto, and also to the several further orders and directions hereinafter mentioned and contained, and that the rates of postage for the transmission thereof in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such newspapers, and in lieu of any freedom from postage to which such newspapers are now entitled, shall and may be those which are mentioned and set forth in the said schedule.

And we do further order, direct, and consent, that Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, shall and may charge all or any such newspapers sent by the post, otherwise than in conformity with the terms, conditions, and regulations mentioned or referred to in this present Warrant, with such rates or rate of postage, not exceeding in amount such rates or rate as would be chargeable upon the same as letters, or a letter, as to him shall seem fit.

And we do further order and direct, that on any newspaper transmitted by the post under the regulations of this Warrant, any foreign transit rate payable on any such newspaper for passing through the Isthmus of Panama, shall be charged and paid thereon, in addition to any British postage.

And we do further order and direct, that the several terms and expressions used in this Warrant, or in the schedule hereunto annexed, shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they would have had if inserted in the said Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, hereinbefore recited.

And we do further order and direct, that it